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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOVIETS RELEASE KAL PILOT AND NAVIGATOR

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1. DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HEAD YEFIMOV PHONED CONSUL GENERAL LATE AFTERNOON TO REPORT CONVERSATION IN REFTEL. HE SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT KNOW UNTIL MORNING ON WHICH PLANE KOREANS WOULD BE ARRIVING FROM MURMANSK. YEFIMOV SAID CG WOULD THEN BE ASKED TO COME TO DIPLOMATIC AGENCY TO TAKE CUSTODY OF KOREANS. CG POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS SNOWING WHEN HE LEFT MURMANSK YESTERDAY, AND HE HOPED WEATHER WOULD PERMIT SCHEDULED TRAVEL.

2. ACCORDING AVAILABLE SCHEDULES, THERE ARE ONLY TWO FLIGHTS LEAVING LENINGRAD AFTER LUNCHEON SATURDAY. AEROFLOT SU-631 LEAVES 1805 FOR HELSINKI, ARRIVES 1800 LOCAL. SAS FLIGHT SK 733 DEPARTS 1810, ARRIVING STOCKHOLM AT 17:30 AND COPENHAGEN AT 19:20.

3. OUR INCLINATION WOULD BE TO HAVE KOREANS FLY SAS EITHER TO STOCKHOLM OR COPENHAGEN, DEPENDING ON SEOUL'S PREFERENCE. DANGER OF JOURNALISTS SPOTTING THEM IS ABOUT EQUAL ON EITHER AIRLINE. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CONGEN OFFICER OSCAR CLYATT.

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4. AS FALL BACK POSITION IN CASE PLANES DO NOT FLY, WE ARE REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR DRIVING TO HELSINKI WITH TWO CONGEN OFFICERS.

5. APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ASAP ON WHAT AIRLINE WE SHOULD TRY TO HAVE KOREANS FLY, AND TO WHAT DISEMBARCATION POINT.
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